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FOR ACTION

STUDY GROUPS 1 AND 2

SOURCE: TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

TITLE: RESULTS OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE WITH RELEVANCE
TO THE WORK OF THE STUDY GROUPS

Action required:

The plenary meetings of Study Groups 1 and 2 are invited to take note of the results of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and apply those of relevance to their work.

Abstract:

The last Plenipotentiary Conference, held in Minneapolis/USA in 1998, adopted a series of texts for the ITU Constitution and Convention, as well as Decisions and Resolutions. Some texts have relevance to BDT, and particularly to the work of the ITU-D Study Groups. This document, which was presented to the Management Team during their meeting of 7 April 1999, attempts to give an overview of the pertinent documents to be referred to.

The results of the Plenipotentiary Conference regarding the ITU-D Study Groups

These may be divided into three areas:

1. ITU-D Study Groups reporting to World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC)
2. ITU-D Study Groups in relation with Telecommunication Development Advisory Board (TDAG as from 1.1.2000)
3. ITU-D Study Group activities as stipulated in other articles of the Constitution and Convention

1. ITU-D Study Groups reporting to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) - Article [17] of the Convention

A progress report as well as draft new or revised Recommendations are to be prepared for the Development Conference for consideration, in accordance with the relevant procedures.

2. ITU-D Study Groups and Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG¹) - Article [17A] of the Convention

ITU Study Groups should participate in the preparation of the progress report on the implementation of the VAP, as well as take account of the TDAG guidelines for the work of the Study Groups.

3. ITU-D Study Group activities as stipulated in other Articles and Resolutions of the Constitution and Conventions

The mission and working methods relevant to the Study Groups are spread out in different chapters, namely Article [18] of the Convention (Telecommunication Development Bureau), Resolution PLEN1 (inclusion of gender perspectives in the work of ITU), and Resolution COM5/8 (Strategic plan for the Union 1999-2003). The main issues covered may be resumed in 8 areas, which are not exhaustive:

- 3.1 **greater participation** by the Sector Members, private sector and donor agencies, with special attention to the least developed countries (LDCs)
- 3.2 **improved customer service** by identifying the specific needs of the Union's membership and other customers, and providing the highest quality of service possible.
- 3.3 contribution in the implementation of the objective of **universal access to basic communication and information service**.
- 3.4 **improvement of working methods** by streamlining the development, approval and publication process for Recommendations.
- 3.5 emphasis on **gender balance** in the programmes of activities.
- 3.6 **sharing and disseminating information** related to the ITU-D Study Group activities using the *ITU-II* (ITU-Informatic Infrastructure).
- 3.7 **human resources development and management** (HRD/HRM) issues.

¹ As of 1.1.2000

3.8 **reduction of the volume and cost of documentation** for ITU Conferences

In addition, the management of each Study Group is encouraged to analyze those relevant Resolutions and Recommendations as well as the Valetta Declaration and Action Plan in order to identify guidelines and instructions relevant to their activities. These Resolutions and Recommendations are available in the following ITU documents:

- ◆ Final Act of PP-94 Kyoto (Japan)
For those Resolutions and Recommendations which are not modified or cancelled by PP 1998 Minneapolis (USA) and still valid
- ◆ Final Report of WTDC-98 Valetta (Malta)
- ◆ Final Act of PP-98 Minneapolis (USA), with practical emphasis on Resolution COM5/8
Strategic Plan for the Union 1999-2003.

The management of both Study Groups are reminded that for their work, and in particular the approval of Questions and Recommendations, areas are covered by those relevant articles of the Constitution and Convention of the APP-92, Geneva (Switzerland) up to the end of this year, complemented with those adopted by WTDC-98 Resolutions. As from 1 January 2000 the relevant articles in the Final Act of PP-98 Minneapolis (USA) shall be strictly observed, complemented by those of WTDC-98. In case of conflict, those articles of the Constitution and Convention shall prevail.
